

COMPETITION PACK

LTA 9U COUNTY CUP EVENT Saturday 17 August 2019

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NB: Updated 09 July 2019 – Change of Venue to Group A

Please note:

Nomination Deadlines –

Monday 29 July 2019 (NB: Nominations open Monday 8 July 2019)

To be submitted using the on-line entry system via

<http://lta.tournamentsoftware.com/findtournament.aspx>

Should you require further information please contact Julie Piper at The LTA on 020 8 487 7000 or countycup@LTA.org.uk

Welcome to the Competition Pack for the LTA 9U County Cup Event. It is hoped the following information will help answer any questions you may have about the Event.

LTA County Cup Events give players the opportunity to represent their county in a competitive team environment and the age groups range from 9U through to adult categories.

The LTA 9U County Cup Event was first played in 2009 and, unlike the other County Cup Events; there is no overall County Champion.

Counties may nominate a maximum of 8 players.

Depending on the size of the group, each county will play 3 or 4 matches – 3 boys' singles, 3 girls' singles, 1 boys, 1 girls and 1 mixed doubles.

The 44 counties are placed in 6 x round-robin groups of 4 counties and 3 x round-robin groups of 5 counties. These groups are placed in no particular order and they will compete over one day in order to find a winning team for that group.

Wherever possible, counties have been placed in groups, and venues, to try and limit the amount of travelling time and, if applicable, accommodation expenses.

All groups will be played on **indoor** acrylic courts with the venues & referees / competition organisers being appointed by the LTA Support Centre. The reason indoor courts are used for this particular Event is, given it is a one day event and, due to the unpredictability of the British weather, we want to ensure the Event is played!

General –

For the 2019 LTA 9U CC Event the age group eligibility will be for all players born 1 September 2009 to 31 August 2010. If a player is in their second to last or last seasons of 8U and have played 40 Mini Tennis Red matches, they will be allocated an Orange 4 rating. Passport players will be allowed to play up in line with the [Player Passport System](#).

The Order of Play is as per the Rules & Regulations

No complaint in connection with the LTA 9U County Cup Event can be entertained by the LTA unless lodged with the LTA at officiatingsupport@lta.org.uk within 48 hours of the occurrence of the cause of the complaint (please see LTA Competition Regulation 8.1).

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Groups, Venues & Personnel

Group A – Scotland	
Venue – Scotsotun Leisure Centre, G14 9HD	
Venue Contact – Jason Atkins – 07957 959 216	
Referee –	
Court Supervisor –	
A	East of Scotland
B	South of Scotland
C	North of Scotland
D	West of Scotland

Group B – North East	
Venue – Sunderland Tennis Centre, SR3 1PD	
Venue Contact – Graham Fowler – 03330 050 152	
Referee –	
Court Supervisor –	
A	Durham & Cleveland
B	Cumbria
C	Yorkshire
D	Northumberland

Group C – North West	
Venue – Wrexham Tennis Centre, LL11 2BW	
Venue Contact – Jenny Broughall – 01978 265 260	
Referee –	
Court Supervisor –	
A	Derbyshire
B	Cheshire
C	Lancashire
D	North Wales

Group D – East Midlands	
Venue – Boston, PE21 8EY	
Venue Contact – Mary Smura – 01205 366 424	
Referee –	
Court Supervisor –	
A	Leicestershire
B	Nottinghamshire
C	Northamptonshire
D	Lincolnshire

Group E – West Midlands	
Venue – Shrewsbury,	
Venue Contact – Simon Haddleton – 01743 467 755	
Referee –	
Court Supervisor –	
A	Shropshire
B	Warwickshire
C	Staffordshire
D	Herefordshire & Worcestershire

Group F – East	
Venue – Cambridge,	
Venue Contact – James Dunham – 01223 500 009	
Referee –	
Court Supervisor –	
A	Norfolk
B	Suffolk
C	Bedfordshire
D	Cambridgeshire

Group G – South East	
Venue – Bromley Tennis Centre, BR6 9SA	
Venue Contact – Emma Wanostrocht - 01689 880 407	
Referee –	
Court Supervisor –	
A	Berkshire
B	Surrey
C	Kent
D	Sussex
E	Essex

Group H – South & East	
Venue – Dukes Meadow Tennis Centre, W4 2SH	
Venue Contact – Neil Bamford – 0208 994 3314	
Referee –	
Court Supervisor –	
A	Middlesex
B	Buckinghamshire
C	Oxfordshire
D	Hertfordshire

Group I – South	
Venue – Bath University, BA2 7AY	
Venue Contact – Alex Walker – 01225 383 601	
Referee –	
Court Supervisor –	
A	Avon
B	Hampshire & IOW
C	South Wales
D	Gloucestershire
E	Wiltshire

Group J – South West	
Venue – Taunton Tennis Centre, TA1 2RW	
Venue Contact – Kerry Quirk – 01823 333 435	
Referee –	
Court Supervisor –	
A	Dorset
B	Cornwall
C	Somerset
D	Devon

Channel Islands w/d 28 September 2018
 Isle of Man w/d 01 October 2018

VENUE CONTACT DETAILS

Group A	GLASGOW – JASON ATKINS Scotstoun Leisure Centre, 112 Danes Drive, Glasgow, G14 9HD Tel: 0141 276 1620 or 07957 959 216 Email: Jason.Atkins@tennisscotland.org
Group B	SUNDERLAND – GRAHAM FOWLER Sunderland Tennis Centre, Silksworth Lane, Sunderland, SR3 1PD Tel: 07802 875 211 E-Mail: grahamfowler@everyoneactive.com
Group C	WREXHAM – JENNY BROUGHALL Wrexham Tennis Centre, Plas Coch Road, Wrexham, LL11 2BW Tel: 01978 265 260 E-Mail: jenny.broughall@wrexhamtenniscentre.co.uk
Group D	BOSTON – MARY SMURA Boston Tennis Club, 125 Sleaford Road, Boston, PE21 8EY Tel: 01205 355502 E-Mail: marysmura@hotmail.com
Group E	SHREWSBURY – SIMON HADDLETON The Shrewsbury Club, Sundorne Road, Shrewsbury, SY1 4RG Tel: 01743 467755 E-Mail: simon.haddleton@theshrewsburyclub.co.uk
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Group H	CHISWICK – NEIL BAMFORD Dukes Meadow Tennis Centre, Dan Mason Drive, Chiswick, W4 2SH Tel: 0208 994 3314 Email: neil.bamford@dukesmeadows.com
Group I	BATH – ALEX WALKER Sports Training Village, University of Bath, Claverton Down, BATH, BA2 7AY Tel: 01225 383 601 E-Mail: A.R.Walker@bath.ac.uk
Group J	TAUNTON – KERRY QUIRK Taunton Tennis Centre, Blackbrook Pavilion, Blackbrook Way, Taunton, TA1 2RW Tel: 01823 333 435 E-Mail: kerry.quirk@gll.org



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TEAM CAPTAINS FACT SHEET

Event Personnel	Event Director – Julie Piper Telephone (before Event) – 020 8 487 7000 Telephone (during Event) – 07971 141 326 E-Mail – countycup@LTA.org.uk
Team Captains Meeting	<p>To be held no later than 10.00 am Saturday 17 August to include Referee, all Team Captains and a representative from the Tennis Club. This should last no longer than 30 minutes.</p> <p>The Tennis Club Rep to explain arrangements for catering, emergency evacuation procedures, location of the bag area, physio, doctor and stringing – please ensure contact names & numbers are made available.</p> <p>The Referee to explain the Rules & Regulations and anything else pertinent to the Event</p> <p>Team Captains should ensure teams keep the Club tidy. All cups, crockery, glasses, etc. should be returned to the catering area. Please ensure rubbish bins are used!</p>
Provisional Nominations,	<p>It is a county's responsibility to check the eligibility of all team players. The use of an ineligible player may result in a county forfeiting all rubber(s) in which that player competed in. Please refer to Area Qualification ruling</p> <p>It is the Referee's responsibility to check BT Ratings & BTM of all players. If a player is not listed, then the player in question must join the scheme prior to play commencing.</p>
Final & Match Nominations	Please refer to Points 2 and 5 of the Rules & Regulations
Practice Courts	<p>Available from 9.00am to 9.30am.</p> <p>Check with the Club regarding availability of courts prior to 9.00am. If there is any charge, the county using these courts are responsible for the payment of them + provision of practice balls.</p>
Start time of Play	No later than 10.30am. Matches should start as quickly as possible so court time is not wasted.
Order of Play	<p>ORDER OF PLAY FOR GROUPS COMPRISING 4 COUNTY TEAMS:</p> <p>Round 1 – A v B and C v D Round 2 – A v C and B v D Round 3 – A v D and B v C</p> <p>ORDER OF PLAY FOR GROUPS COMPRISING 5 COUNTY TEAMS:</p> <p>Round 1 – A v B and C v D Round 2 – A v C and B v E Round 3 – A v D and C v E Round 4 – A v E and B v D Round 5 – B v C and D v E</p>

Match Format	Please refer to Points 3, 4 and 14 of the Rules & Regulations
Match Scorecards	Once match nominations have been submitted the Referee will produce a match scorecard which will be given to each Team Captain. The Referee will keep a master copy which will be updated during the day and following agreement with both Team Captains will be used to update the LP file.
Match Results	The Referee will update and publish the results on the LTA website. At the end of the day, the full results and group positions will be updated on the LTA website.
Tennis Balls	The Babolat orange ball will be used. The best used balls from singles matches will be re-used for doubles matches.
Scoreboards	These should be available on-site at the venue. Please ensure players keep them updated.
Noticeboard	The Referee will have access to a noticeboard and the following information will be posted: Updated daily and overall group results as they progress Copies of Team Captains Fact Sheet, LTA Code of Conduct + Event Rules & Regulations
Team Captains Guidance, Emergency Contact & Media Consent Forms	Please ensure you have read and understood, by signing, the points outlined on the Team Captains Guidance Form. The County Office should have supplied you with copies of the completed Emergency & Media Consent Forms for all players in the team.
Discipline & Code Violations	Your attention is drawn to Rules 10, 10.1 & 10.2 of the Rules & Regulations regarding discipline of all players, both on and off-site, during the Event. In addition, all players must abide by the LTA Code of Conduct. The Referee will inform the Team Captain if it has been necessary to issue a code violation. These will be recorded, by the Referee, on the official form and sent to the LTA. The LTA will be notified verbally immediately if it has been necessary to default a player. A default counts for the duration of the Event regardless of however many matches/days remain.
Miscellaneous	Team captains or their nominated deputy are allowed to communicate with their players at the end of each tie-break and may remain on court. Players should wear recognised tennis clothing as per the County Cup Regulations. Additional matches played over and above those scheduled in LTA County Cup Events are not eligible for rating(s) results - under no circumstances should they be played. Presentations of medals to Group Winners and Runners-Up will take place Saturday 17 August. Out of courtesy to the venue and counties within your Group all teams are requested to remain on-site until these have taken place. The venue has been asked to provide hot & cold food & drinks between 10.00am and 4.00pm throughout the weekend. Unless there are exceptional circumstances, teams should use the on-site catering provided and NOT bring in their own provisions! If on-site, under no circumstances should players use or enter the gym. Team Captains are reminded about the necessity for teams to keep the venue tidy. All cups, crockery, glasses, etc. should be returned to the catering area. Please ensure rubbish bins are used!

LTA County Cup Events 2019

General Rules & Regulations – applicable for all Events

1. The management of the County Cup Events shall be entrusted to the LTA Competitions Team, with power to suspend or modify any of these Regulations to meet exceptional circumstances and to decide any question of eligibility, qualifications of competitors, interpretation of the Regulations or otherwise. The LTA Competitions Team's decision shall be final.
2. For the purpose of the County Cup Events, which shall be area competitions subject to the Lawn Tennis Associations Limited Rules 35 and 36 (including appendix 1), the following shall be regarded as Counties: East of Scotland, North of Scotland, South of Scotland, West of Scotland, North Wales, South Wales, Channel Islands, Isle of Man.
3. Although it is not compulsory to compete, all Counties shall be entered in the relevant County Cup Event. Any County intending not to compete in an Event must email notification to the Event Director (countycup@LTA.org.uk) 9 months before the relevant event. Where appropriate, any County that withdraws from an Event shall be placed in the lowest group for the following year and will have any applicable funding for that Event withdrawn.
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5. A player is qualified to represent an area in any County Cup Event if they meet the criteria outlined in the Lawn Tennis Association Limited Rule 36. No player may represent more than one County in any Event.
6. Referee(s) shall be appointed for each venue by the LTA Competitions Team. The Referee shall decide any point that relates to the interpretation of the Rules of Tennis, County Cup Rules & Regulations and / or LTA Code of Conduct which may be referred to him/her. He/she shall decide whether or not the match shall be stopped owing to the state of the courts, the state of the weather, darkness, or other unavoidable hindrance. After consulting with the Event Director and / or Event Referee if necessary, the Referee shall have the final say in all on-site matters.
7. Once final nominations have been submitted no other player may represent the County during the Event except in exceptional circumstances (such as illness, injury or bereavement) which reduces the number of available nominated players for a County to less than the minimum required for the relevant County Cup Event. In this case the Referee shall consult the Event Director, who may authorise the nomination of the necessary number of substitutes for the remainder of the Event.
8. A County shall not be bound to play the same team throughout the Event but no change shall be made in the composition of the teams engaged in a match after daily nominations have been submitted. If any player, team or doubles pairing play out of order, those rubbers they competed in and below shall be declared null and void. If a match is postponed to the next day before any play has taken place the composition of the competing teams may be changed.
9. If a player(s) is / are defaulted, except in cases of punctuality, then that player(s) is no longer allowed to take any further part in that competition.
10. For Events being played outdoors, indoor courts must not be used unless the courts are on-site and any additional cost to the LTA or a County Association has been authorised in advance by the Event Director.
11. The County Association via its appointed captain (or other designated person accompanying the Team) is responsible for the behaviour of its Team on and off the site for the duration of the event which includes but is not limited to traveling to, staying at accommodation and returning to the County.

Any incident shall be dealt with in accordance with these Regulations and the Lawn Tennis Association Limited Rules (including, for the avoidance of doubt, any Appendices). Entry into the County Cup Events constitutes acceptance, by both the County and its individual members of the team, of the LTA's jurisdiction to deal with any disciplinary matter in accordance with these Regulations (including the Code of Conduct) and the Lawn Tennis Association Limited Rules (including, for the avoidance of doubt, any Appendices). In particular, the following shall apply:

- 10.1 Any disciplinary matter relating to an incident occurring on the site of the venue shall be referred to the Referee for decision and any appeal against his decision shall be referred to the LTA Competitions Team and will be dealt with in accordance to the LTA Disciplinary & Dispute Resolution Procedures as set out at Appendix 3 to the Lawn Tennis Association Limited Rules.
 - 10.2 Any disciplinary matter relating to an incident off the site of the Centre shall be referred to the LTA Competitions Team and will be dealt with in accordance with the LTA Disciplinary and Dispute Resolution Procedures as set out at Appendix 3 to the Lawn Tennis Association Limited Rules.
12. Any complaint relating to eligibility of players and / or nominations must be lodged, in writing, with the Event Director within 48 hours after the end of the Event.

LTA 9U County Cup Event Special Regulations

1. Competing Counties will be divided into groups. The format for all groups will be each county plays all the other counties in their group in a round robin. The Event will be played using indoor courts
2. Final nominations must be submitted to the Referee 30 minutes before the start of play. Final nominations shall be nominated by Team Captains as outlined in the table below (Priority 1 rating must play above Priority 2 rated players and so on):

Priority 1	Priority 2	Priority 3	Priority 4
Eligible Green rated players in order of merit	Orange 1*	Orange 1	Players with ratings Orange 2, 3 or 4 in any order (Team Captain's decision)

Equally rated players may be nominated in any order but the nominated order must be maintained throughout the day.

Counties should nominate a minimum of 6 and maximum of 8 players.

3. Each match shall consist of nine rubbers – three boys singles, followed by 3 girls singles, followed by one boys doubles, one girls doubles and one mixed doubles. In singles, No 1 shall play No 1 of the opposing team, No 2 shall play No 2 and so on, commencing with the No 3 singles. Players are only permitted to play two rubbers per match.
4. All rubbers shall be the best of three tiebreaks (to 7 points, with 2 clear).
5. Match nominations must be submitted to the Referee 15 minutes before the start of each match. The team shall be nominated in singles order according to the final nominations (Reg 2). Doubles pairings can be nominated once all singles matches have been completed.
6. If a player who has been nominated to play singles is unable to either begin the singles rubber or retires during the rubber, for whatever reason, that player is permitted to compete in doubles in the same match if fit to do so.
7. Team captains or a nominated deputy shall be allowed to communicate with their players at the end of each tiebreak within the permitted two minute break and may remain on court.
8. If any player is absent when called upon to play by the Referee, that rubber and all rubbers below shall be awarded to the opponent(s) by two love tiebreaks. This shall apply separately to singles and doubles. If in any rubber one or more player(s) is absent from each side the rubber shall be void.
9. If a player or doubles pair play out of order, the opponent(s) shall be awarded two love tiebreaks.
10. If a player is unable complete a rubber that has started due to injury, sickness or disqualification the opposing player or pair shall be awarded the requisite number of points to win the rubber.
11. If any County fields an ineligible player, the rubbers contested by that player and all rubbers below shall be awarded to the opposition by a score of 7-0 7-0. This shall apply separately to boys and girls.
12. A team is awarded 1 point for each rubber won.
13. The team with the most rubber points shall win the match. A team will receive 2 match points on the league table for a match win.
14. Under no circumstances should rubbers be conceded. If a match in progress cannot be finished on the day, and less than nine rubbers have been completed, the result of the match shall be determined by the rubbers that have been completed as follows:
 - (a) By the majority of rubbers won; or
 - (b) If there is equality of rubbers, by the majority of tiebreaks won; or
 - (c) If there is equality of rubbers and tiebreaks, by the majority of points won
15. The final standings for the Group shall be determined by the following:
 - (a) The team with the greatest number of match points.
 - (b) If match points are equal, the team with the greatest number of rubber points.
 - (c) If only two teams are level on match points and rubber points; their head to head result.
 - (d) If more than two teams are level, the percentage of tiebreaks won out of tiebreaks played (if after this calculation, only two teams remain level, their head to head result will be used to break the tie).
 - (e) If more than two teams are level, the percentage of points won out of points played (if after this calculation, only two teams remain level, their head to head result will be used to break the tie).